



**Entry
deadline
Wednesday
28 March**

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**Children's
Fiction Prize
2012**

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Application Form

Introduction

The Guardian Children's Fiction Prize was founded in 1967, as a prize to be judged by writers themselves.

Previous winners of the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize include Mark Haddon, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, Ted Hughes, *What is the Truth?*, Philip Pullman, *Northern Lights*, Meg Rosoff, *How I Live Now* and Jacqueline Wilson, *The Illustrated Mum*.

The judging panel will be chaired by Julia Eccleshare, children's books editor, the Guardian.

The winner will be announced in November at a ceremony in London.

Entry requirements

- Entry fee: A fee of £25 + VAT will be charged per title entered.
- All books entered must be published between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2011.
- Submissions are only accepted from publishing houses.
- All books entered must have a registered ISBN number or equivalent.
- The award is also open to novels in translation. The novel must be published in English in this calendar year, and no more than five years must have elapsed since publication in the original language.
- Hardback and paperbacks are acceptable.
- Bound proofs are accepted only at the discretion of the chair, children's books editor, the Guardian.
- All entries must be submitted to Pamela Mathews, The Guardian, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU. A completed application form must accompany each title.

Judging process

The longlist

- The chair and judges will select eight books for the longlist.
- The chair, children's books editor, the Guardian News and Media, reserves the right to call in entries for submission.
- Publishers will be requested to supply 24 copies of the submitted book if it is selected for consideration for the longlist, for the judges and our summer children's reading group on guardian.co.uk/childrensbooks

The shortlist

- Judges will jointly agree on a shortlist in September.
- The shortlist will consist of a maximum of four books.
- The panel of judges will choose a winner.
- The judges' decision is final.

Conditions of the award

- Entries received will not be processed until entry fees have been received in full.
- Publishers of the shortlisted and winning titles must agree to co-operate in promoting the books and the award.
- All longlisted authors must be available to participate in media interviews over the summer.
- The award must be clearly mentioned on the front cover of the winning title, including the paperback edition.
- Publishers of the longlisted books must be willing to supply electronically the first chapter.
- Publishers will be obliged to pay for the travel arrangements of the winning author to attend the award ceremony.

Application form

Please complete the following entry form in block capitals and return with a copy of the submitted title to:

Pamela Mathews, The Guardian, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU.

If you have any queries, please email: childrensprize@guardian.co.uk

Entries must arrive no later than Wednesday 28 March 2012. Please note there is no limit on the number of entries made per publisher. Please complete a separate entry form for each title entered (this application form can be photocopied).

Author

Title

Date of publication

ISBN number

On behalf of the publisher, I agree to abide by the rules of the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize 2012. I hereby submit a copy for consideration.



Name

Position

Publisher/ imprint

Address

Postcode

Signature

Date

Person to whom enquiries should be directed:

Name

Telephone

Email

Entry fee(s)

£25 per title entered

Once your entries are received a member of the Children's Fiction Prize project team will phone you to confirm receipt. You will be required to make a payment with a debit/credit card.



Please enter details below of the main contact for entry fee queries:

Name

Position

Phone number

Email

If you have any queries regarding payment, please email: childrensprize@guardian.co.uk